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Cheaper and more potent than ever, Methamphetamine continues to kill across Los Angeles

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The proliferation of zombie-like figures slumped on the City's streets unfortunately cannot be chalked up to Halloween, but is in many cases closely related to the insidious reach of Los Angeles's methamphetamine crisis.

In 2018 the explosion of meth in Los Angeles made national news and while public attention may currently be trained on the opioid epidemic or the fentanyl crisis, the problem has not abated since then. In fact the drug has only become cheaper, more potent and in certain instances more deadly.

Innovation in the chemical production process has led to the creation of a more pure and therefore addictive meth. A flood of money from China has made it easier for individuals in Mexico to acquire the chemicals for production and brought down the price of the product. The addition of the synthetic opioid fentanyl into some batches increases the risk of overdose.

"Meth has become like marijuana once was, it is everywhere. Users report it is extremely cheap, even free," said Santa Monica Police Department Officer Jason Olson and Investigator Evan Raleigh in a joint statement.

According to DEA Special Agent Bill Bodner this comparison is apt, as California's legalization of marijuana is what initially set off LA's meth crisis.

"Look back at marijuana legalization in California and look at 2016, the law was passed, 2018 the law took effect, the next year we had a 120 percent increase in methamphetamine seizures in California," said Bodner.

According to Bodner, the legalization destroyed the market for Mexican marijuana and led drug producers to pivot to a new product. Meth quickly became the drug of choice, as it requires neither the large amount of land necessary for heroin production nor the South American trading networks needed for trafficking cocaine.

Bodner also said that around this time the US-Mexico trade war was kicking off and Chinese nationals began to use investment in Mexican meth production as a means to bring

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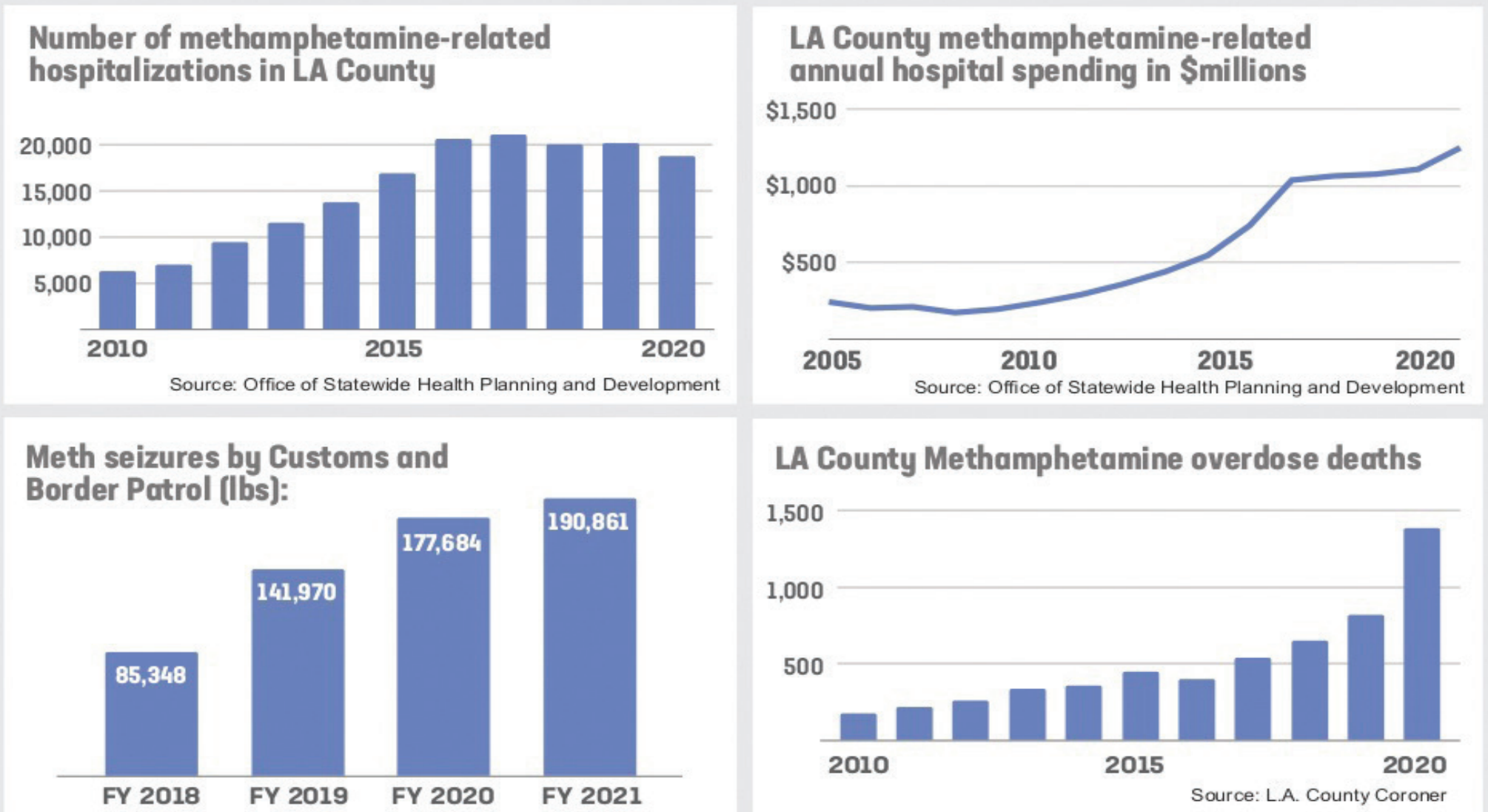
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DRUGS: Despite a slight decline in hospitalizations, overdose deaths due to Methamphetamine continue to increase throughout Los Angeles County.

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money to the US. This made it very easy for producers to obtain large quantities of the chemicals necessary to make meth, which in turn drove down the price of the product.

Los Angeles was disproportionately impacted by this uptick in meth production due to its proximity to Mexico, its status as a transportation hub and its large potential user base.

According to SMPD, the decriminalization of drug possession is another factor contributing to an increase in local meth usage.

"The system is more interested in treating the underlying conditions that cause addiction. These efforts are appropriate and noble. However, without consequence and deterrence there is nothing to stop somebody from using until they die, or lose control over themselves to the point that they become dangerous to others," said the SMPD statement.

While users of meth come from all different socioeconomic and demographic backgrounds, a population of particular concern is individuals experiencing homelessness.

"I would say the most used drug by the homeless population would be methamphetamine," said Bodner. "Whatever is available and cheap is going to become more popular and become used more."

This sentiment was echoed by Dr. Gary Tsai, who is the Director of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control in the L.A. County Department of Public Health.

"Methamphetamine is a stimulant... one thing we've heard is that homeless individuals don't like using sedatives because they feel like they need to stay alert to stay safe on the street," said Tsai.

According to SMPD, the use of meth among unhoused individuals has also been aided by the free distribution of meth pipes in an effort by Public Health to decrease needle use.

Prolonged use of the drug can cause severe health and brain damage and lead to temporary or permanent psychosis. Users can be rendered incapable of maintaining themselves, communicating rationally with others and may become consumed with paranoia.

One of the recent evolutions of Los Angeles's meth crisis is that while there is evidence to believe the quantity of meth available is decreasing slightly, there is also reason to believe that the dangers of the drug are increasing — for housed and unhoused individuals.

When the crisis first took off the amount of meth seized by the DEA in the greater Los Angeles area jumped from around 7,500 lbs in 2018 to around 16,500 lbs in 2019. Then in 2020 that number dropped slightly to around 16,000 lbs and with two months remaining in 2021 it is currently at 11,700 lbs.

This decrease in meth availability is not mirrored by a decrease in meth-related overdoses. The L.A. County Coroner recorded 650 meth overdose deaths in 2018, 822 deaths in 2019 and 1,389 deaths in 2020.

According to Tsai there are several factors behind the increase in meth deaths, a key one being the pandemic. There was a 52 percent increase in overall drug overdoses across L.A. County from March to December 2020 compared to the same time period in 2019.

"Part of the reason why we're seeing an increase in overdoses could be because people are using in isolation and when people are not using an isolation, they're more likely to get help if they're overdosing," said Tsai.

Another factor that might be behind this uptick is the change in chemical production processes that has led to a more pure meth product. In recent years meth has gone from being primarily produced using a chemical called ephedrine to a new process called P2P production that creates a stronger substance and can use a wider and cheaper range of chemicals to do so.

"We've seen increased deaths; It's not clear to us how much of that is due to potentially increased potency of methamphetamine in these P2P analogs or if it's just more meth use," said Tsai. "I can say I wouldn't be surprised if an increase in potency is leading to more deaths."

Tsai explained that a more potent substance is also a more addictive one and leads to greater consumption and tolerance. A higher tolerance can increase the risk of overdoses on meth, while a greater frequency of use increases the odds of encountering a lethal batch of fentanyl-laced meth.

Bodner said that the increase in fentanyl production is likely one of the reasons why Los Angeles meth seizures are dropping slightly. However, he echoed Tsai's concern that fentanyl is creating more danger among drug users.

According to Bodner, producers might mix fentanyl with meth to try and create a better high as there is a theory that the opiate will offset the negative perceived effects of the stimulant meth. The same thing is occurring with cocaine.

"They're not doing it to kill people, they're not necessarily doing it to get people hooked, they're doing it to create a more desirable drug," said Bodner.

While meth remains the leading drug behind overdoses in LA, fentanyl is on track to surpass it in the coming year.

In 2015 there were only 28 recorded fentanyl overdose deaths in L.A. County. This jumped to 263 in 2018 and 462 in 2019, before skyrocketing to 1,125 in 2020.

Many of these deaths do not come from intentional fentanyl use, but from fake prescription pills that users believe are Oxycontin or Xanax and instead contain a lethal amount of fentanyl. Bodner fears that a similar process may soon be applied to meth.

"I think we will see a lot of fake Adderall pills coming in from Mexico and again, these are pills that don't have the pharmaceutical ingredient at all," said Bodner. "It's just going to be methamphetamine with some other inner fillers and binders and it's going to be colored, shaped and stamped just like an Adderall pill."

While it is harder to overdose on meth than fentanyl, the consequences of this could nevertheless be devastating as it introduces a customer base of study drug users to meth. Having a swath of teenage and college age students become hooked on the drug would open up a new tragic chapter in LA's meth crisis.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 328 CALLS ON OCTOBER 28

Party Complaint 1300Blk Pine St 12:10 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1300Blk 26th St 12:33 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 12:35 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Princeton St / Wilshire Blvd 12:36 a.m.
Grand Theft 2800Blk Pearl St 12:40 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2500Blk 20th St 1:06 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:04 a.m.
Person With A Gun 3000Blk Colorado Ave 2:37 a.m.
Vandalism 2700Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:46 a.m.
Encampment 2000Blk The Beach 5:53 a.m.
Arson 400Blk Bay St 6:56 a.m.
Person With A Gun 11th St / Michigan Ave 7:35 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1100Blk 5th St 7:54 a.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 400Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:02 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 800Blk 7th St 8:14 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 4th St / Pico Blvd 8:16 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 900Blk 4th St 8:25 a.m.
Petty Theft Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 8:28 a.m.
Grand Theft 2200Blk 18th Ct 8:29 a.m.
Encampment 2000Blk The Beach 8:31 a.m.
Identity Theft 1100Blk 7th St 8:34 a.m.
Vandalism 1400Blk Ocean Ave 8:37 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1200Blk Hill St 8:46 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 600Blk 23rd St 9:06 a.m.
Prowler 800Blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:27 a.m.
Encampment 2900Blk The Beach 9:35 a.m.
Encampment 1800Blk 9th St 10:08 a.m.
Smoking Violation 4th St / San Vicente Blvd 10:24 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500Blk 6th St 10:32 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 900Blk 3rd St 10:43 a.m.
Elder Abuse 700Blk Broadway 10:55 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1400Blk 4th St 11:00 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 11:18 a.m.
Attempt Auto Theft 800Blk 3rd St 11:20 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:30 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1500Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:32 a.m.
Encampment 2000Blk The Beach 11:49 a.m.
Burglary 1800Blk Main St 11:52 a.m.
Found Property 1100Blk 4th St 12:06 p.m.
Drinking In Public 2000Blk The Beach 12:09 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1800Blk Broadway 12:13 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300Blk 18th St 12:14 p.m.
Grand Theft 800Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:15 p.m.
Grand Theft 1600Blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:53 p.m.
Grand Theft 600Blk Broadway 12:56 p.m.
Loud Music 3300Blk Barnard Way 1:02 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 800Blk Palisades Beach rd 1:03 p.m.
Rape 700Blk Montana Ave 1:19 p.m.
Burglary 3000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:39 p.m.
Missing Person 500Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:44 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2400Blk Alta Ave 1:58 p.m.
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Fraud 300Blk Olympic Dr 2:03 p.m.
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Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 2600Blk 4th St 3:44 p.m.
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Grand Theft Auto 2600Blk Ocean Front Walk 4:20 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 20th St / Montana Ave 4:25 p.m.
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Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 7:31 p.m.
Death Investigation 2200Blk Colorado Ave 7:47 p.m.
Battery Now 18th St / Wilshire Blvd 7:53 p.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals Lincoln Blvd / Marine St 8:34 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 3100Blk Donald Douglas Loop N 8:53 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 200Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:02 p.m.
Petty Theft 1000Blk Michigan Ave 9:11 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 9:54 p.m.
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Burglary Now 300Blk Arizona Ave 11:20 p.m.
Of Shots Fired 1500Blk 9th St 11:24 p.m.
Party Complaint 1000Blk Centinela Ave 11:56 p.m.

Dear John

John Moos, MD Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Dear John,

What keeps you on track to finding happiness and living through love each day? How do you avoid getting derailed with the stresses of life that surround us?

DEAR STAYING FOCUSED,

With so many distractions in today's busy world, this question is more pertinent than ever. The first step to moving through any obstacle is acknowledging and naming it. Your intent and commitment to finding happiness and living through love is setting you in the right direction. Knowing you can, and will, be derailed is equally important when anticipating and acknowledging the difficulties of life.

To explore this topic, I will have to deconstruct and recontextualize it. Staying on track requires many things: faith, discipline, and grit amongst other things. When challenges and obstacles arise, nurturing your resilience to persevere is pivotal. The quest to find happiness, love, fulfillment, contentment and joy is as unique a task as any. One person's paradise may be another one's hell. However, there are principles that can guide us along the way. This question could be expounded on to make a book, which they have, but I will try and keep my answer focused, tangible, and practical.

First, what is happiness and love? Happiness is a fleeting, ephemeral emotion and relatively superficial. For me, it evokes a materialistic pursuit, i.e. feeling happy when the latest Netflix series is released or when you try a new restaurant. Happiness is the transitional goal, a means to an end, but it is not the journey. For love, there are a multitude of definitions and interpretations that vary by person and perspective. People typically love to their greatest capacity, which can be as big or as small as your experiential basis and level of consciousness. This is evidenced by the hedonistic, earth-shattering "love" we may feel as teenagers or young adults, only to look back at a later age with disbelief. Through time, maturity, and perspective, our definitions and ideas around love grow. Sometimes with the people we choose, and sometimes without them. This is often how people grow together or grow apart.

Happiness and "love" can also have a dark twist. Finding happiness and love was a driving thirst throughout my addiction. Instead of getting derailed by stress, I avoided it entirely through distraction, numbing, and pleasure-seeking. Inevitably, stress was stockpiled away, fueling the well-spring of shame that supercharged my addictive behaviors. My finding happiness and love was not an act of moving towards, but rather a fear-based position of moving away from shame and pain. It was inauthentic, misguided, and delusional. My perspective was anchored in pain, shame, and victimization. This occurred because I was fragmented, looking for quick doses of anything that resembled happiness and/or love to fill the voids. I was a house without foundation, unsupported by anything with real strength. You cannot grow or build upward without a foundation or pillars of support.

Desmond Tutu and His Holiness the Dalai Lama wrote a book with Douglas Abrams, The Book of Joy. Joy, in my humble opinion, perfectly encapsulates the notion of finding happiness and love. The reason I love "joy" so much is because it is both the means and the end; it's finding gratitude in the journey. According to Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama, joy is composed of 8 pillars: 1) perspective, 2) humility, 3) humor, 4) acceptance, 5) forgiveness, 6) gratitude, 7) compassion, and 8) generosity. There are two major influences that affect these pillars as well: community and education. Without a community, we are unable to explore consciousness or these pillars as there would be no relationship. Without education, we'd be unable to grow or change our perspective and understanding of ourselves, each other, and the world.

To be continued...check back Monday for Part 2 of this exploration.

With love and light, John Moos, MD

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SoCalGas Provides Useful Tips to Help Customers Save Energy and Money on Utility Bills as Cold Weather Approaches

Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) is offering useful tips to help customers save on natural gas usage and utility bills this winter. During colder weather, customers on average experience a three to seven times increase in their natural gas usage and corresponding increases in utility bills as heating systems work harder to keep the temperature warm. In addition, this winter natural gas prices are higher across the country due to an increased demand for fuel.

SoCalGas offers energy-saving tips and tools such as rebates, bill discounts, and customer assistance programs to help families and businesses conserve energy and save money this winter. SoCalGas' energy efficiency incentives and programs saved customers $44 million on their utility bills and reduced 211,000 metric tons of green-house gas emissions, enough energy to power 100,000 homes in Southern California for a year.

"This winter, we are seeing a potential for an upward rise in natural gas wholesale market prices nationwide, with natural gas prices much higher this October compared to last year," said Brian Prusnek, director of customer programs and assistance at SoCalGas. "SoCalGas continues to use a suite of tools to secure the best possible prices for the natural gas we purchase on behalf of our residential and small business customers. Taking advantage of SoCalGas energy-saving programs and following some simple conservation tips can help customers manage their monthly utility bills."

Heating can be one of the top energy expenses during the winter, accounting for more than 50 percent of a customer's total natural gas bills. Additionally, water heaters can account for 25 percent of natural gas use and can be significantly impacted during colder months as they work longer and harder to heat the colder water.

Customers can take these steps to reduce natural gas usage and lower energy costs:

• Set the thermostat at 68 degrees during the day and 55 at night, if health permits. Lowering the thermostat three to five degrees can save up to 10 percent on heating costs.

• Clean or replace furnace filters according to manufacturer recommendations.

• Test air ducts for leaks. Leaky ducts can cost between 10 to 30 percent in heating costs.

• Install proper caulking and weather-stripping; this can save roughly 10 to 15 percent on heating bills.

• Fix leaky faucets and pipes. Hot water leaks cause increased demand on the water heater which increases natural gas use. One drop of water per second can waste 500 gallons of hot water per year.

As a reminder, SoCalGas does not control the market price of natural gas and no additional profits are earned from higher natural gas prices. SoCalGas uses a suite of tools to secure the best possible prices for the natural gas we purchase on behalf of our residential and small business customers. Commodity costs are determined by the broader market and passed on directly to customers.

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Lions Roar

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LIONS: Back row: 2nd President Kingsley Fife, DG Bhong Gracia, 2nd VDG Lily Harris. Front row: 1st President Susan DeRemer, 3rd President Kathy Boole, 1st VDG Farideh Monghate, Dist. Lion Emmie Manansala

The Santa Monica Lions Club has had a fun, productive couple of months. In September we were very lucky to have Matt Hall, the SM Daily Press editor, come to speak. His presentations are always highly anticipated events. He discussed a wide range of topics, from government and social issues to area development and economics. We always come away with new knowledge and a broader perspective.

In October we welcomed four of our Los Angeles area district officers, District Governor Bhong Gracia, First Vice District Governor Farideh Monghate, Second Vice District Governor Lily Harris and Emmie Masansala, a district administrator. In addition to sharing his history as a Lion, DG Bhong also caught us up on news from some of the other 58 clubs throughout our district.

The biggest news, which I had the pleasure of announcing, the merger of the Pacific Palisades Lions Club into the Santa Monica Lions Club! We have been working with the state attorney general and secretary of state for the past two years, and approval was finally granted. We are now the Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club. This merger was a natural progression as we have worked together in the past, both providing support and services to our local communities and the Westside. Once Lions Clubs International changes the name on our website, we will change the name on our Facebook page. We are also happy to have Kanda Kandasamy, the president of the Palisades Lions Club, join our board as the vice president of our combined clubs for the rest of this fiscal year.

Later in the month, as part of our effort to resume community service, we delivered homemade baked goods to the Fisher House in Westwood. This will be our third year of providing US Veterans with holiday baked goods while they are receiving medical treatments and surgeries at the Veteran's Hospital. We are so lucky to have Fisher House at the WLA VA Center. Similar to Ronald McDonald Houses for children, they provide low-cost and/or free overnight accommodations for US Veterans and their families that live too far away.

To learn more about the Fisher House and the impact Covid-19 had on their services, Lisa Dykes will becoming from the Fisher House to speak in November. It will be part of our US veterans salute, as we will also be hearing from Dr. Kingsley Fife about his service as a medic in the US Air Force. Later Lions President Susan will pass the gavel on to Kingsley as he becomes the second president for this fiscal year. SM Lions have three presidents a year, with Kathy Boole taking the position after Kingsley.

If you are interested in learning more about the Fisher House, or becoming a Lion, we welcome you to join us on Wednesday, November 10th at the Elks Lodge at 6:00 pm. To attend the dinner, please RSVP by contacting Yoriko Fisher, at santamonicalion@gmail.com, or Kingsley Fife at 310-454-2960. Please remember, due to reinstated health guidelines, masks are required for all indoor events.

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Venice

The US Open Nationals Returns to Venice Beach as Paddle Organizations Join Forces

Venice Beach will host the US Open National Championship Pop Tennis/Paddle Tennis tournament on November 6-7, 2021. It will be the first national championship held in Venice Beach since 2019 due to the coronavirus pandemic. All of the major Pop Tennis/paddle tennis organizations nationwide are cooperating to support the event to ensure its success.

Pop Tennis (also known as paddle tennis) is a sport scored the same as tennis but played with paddles on a court about 60% the size of a tennis court. Similar to Pickleball in court size, paddle tennis has been played since 1898 and is played with a tennis ball, making it more like tennis than Pickleball which uses a plastic ball similar to a Wiffle ball. The 11 Venice Beach courts adjacent to the Venice Beach boardwalk are known as the "Mecca of Paddle Tennis" and most of the world's top players can be found playing there regularly since the 1960s when the first three Venice Beach courts were built.

Like the grand slam tennis event - the US Open - the US Open Nationals will feature many of the paddle sport's top players who are coming from across the country to compete for the national championship. The doubles tournament is open to players at all levels and features Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles categories. The Open category, the highest level, will offer prize money. The A Level is for advanced players or older former open players while the B Level is for intermediate and beginner level players.

"I'm very excited to compete for the Nationals and thrilled that the different paddle groups are working with the City to bring our sport back for our players and fans," said Daniel Wulff, a top Open player from Venezuela. Known in the community as "Wulff," he is also a popular leader in the Venice Beach paddle community and founder of Street Paddle, a movement formed during the pandemic when the streets and parking lots were used to play the sport while all the city courts were closed.

To hold the tournament during the pandemic, the groups are working hand-in-hand with the City of Los Angeles Venice Beach Recreation Center and will follow protocols set up by the City to ensure a safe event. This cooperation with the City working with this many paddle tennis organizations is unprecedented and the groups credit Sonya Young-Jimenez, Venice Beach Superintendent and Melody Valenzuela Gutierrez, Senior Recreation Director, City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks for helping bring the Nationals to fruition.

"We have been working very hard with the City to make this tournament happen so our sport won't suffer two years without our national championship," said Christine Lee of Pop Paddle Venice whose organization is run by a core group of five individuals along with many dedicated volunteers who have helped run fun and popular tournaments since May 2019.

A very important stepping-stone for the Nationals was the success of the First Annual Venice Beach Summer Sports Day on August 21, 2021. Held in conjunction with the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Venice Beach Recreation Center, and L.A. City Council District 11 and sponsored by Councilman Mike Bonin, the event brought the various paddle organizations together to showcase the courts and the sport. It drew record crowds and featured many different Venice Beach organizations.

"The pandemic has caused some of our groups to work together instead of competing against each other because at the end of the day we all want our great sport to thrive. It truly is the best tennis-related sport for spectators due to the incredible speed of the ball in a tight space. It makes Pickleball seem like it's in slow-motion," said Daryl Lemon, president of the United States Paddle Tennis Association (USPTA). Lemon and the long-standing USPTA were instrumental in holding the US Open in time for this year and Lemon will serve as a Tournament Director along with Daniel Wulff.

In September, many of the organizations and top players met in St. Augustine Florida for the National St. Augustine Beach POP Tennis Tournament over Labor Day Weekend in Florida. The tournament, played on the hard sands of St. Augustine Beach, was a great success.

Coming together In St. Augustine after a year off enabled the groups to connect and understand that by working together, they could pull off a major event like the US Open in very little time.

The paddle organizations supporting the tournament are Pop Paddle Venice, United States Paddle Tennis Association, Street Paddle, POP Tennis, St. Augustine Beach Florida POP Tennis Association, PTBrandVenice, Michigan POP Tennis and Hit With Marcus. For those interested in sponsoring the tournament, please contact Pop Paddle Venice on Instagram or Daniel Wulff @ 305-773-5267.

The tournament will be located at the Venice Beach Paddle Tennis Courts at 1800 Ocean Front Walk, Venice, Ca 90291. Those interested may register online at www.streetpaddle.co. The entry deadline is November 3, 2021.

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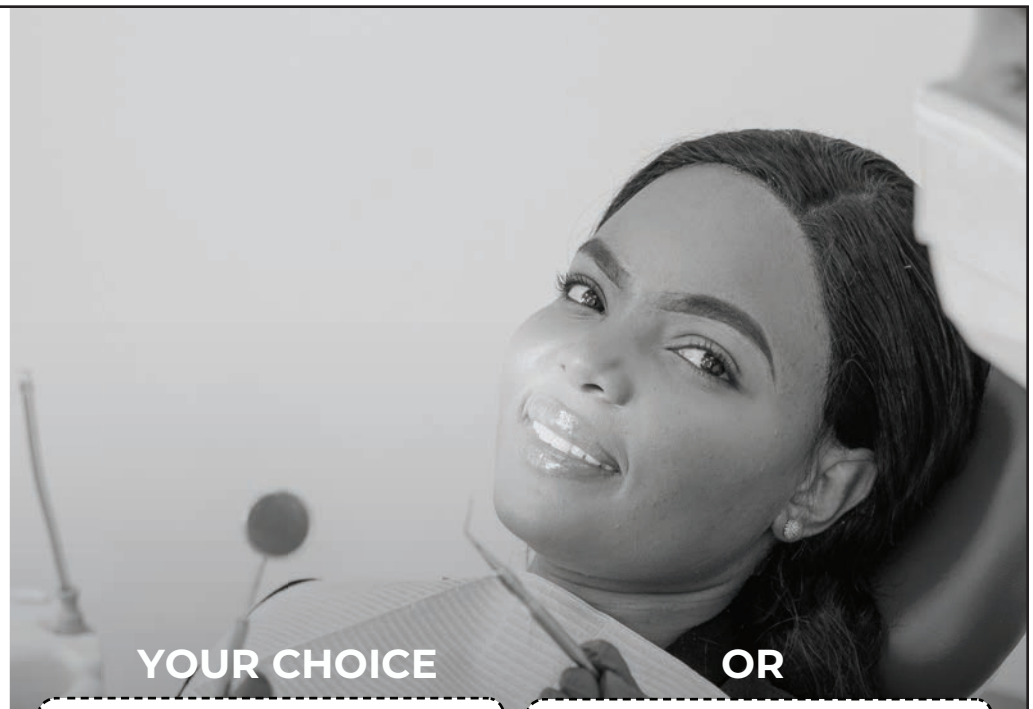
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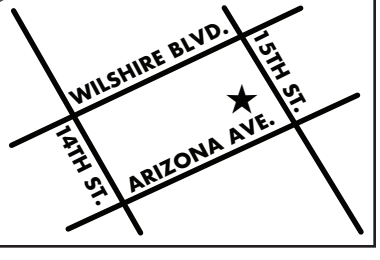


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Automatic Alarm 2800Blk 4th St 5:04 a.m.
EMS 1800Blk Pier Ave 12:00 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2800Blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:23 a.m.
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EMS 1000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:04 a.m.
EMS 900Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:25 a.m.
EMS 1900Blk Pico Blvd 10:32 a.m.
EMS 2200Blk 20th St 10:46 a.m.
EMS 800Blk Ocean Ave 10:49 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2400Blk 16th St 12:19 p.m.
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EMS 800Blk Ocean Ave 2:15 p.m.
Structure Fire 2400Blk 6th St 2:53 p.m.
EMS 800Blk Colorado Ave 3:59 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 20th St / Montana Ave 4:25 p.m.
EMS 900Blk 7th St 4:26 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk Ocean Ave 5:17 p.m.
EMS 2100Blk Main St 5:33 p.m.
EMS 700Blk Ozone St 5:49 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Interstate 10 / Cloverfield Bvd 5:54 p.m.
EMS 1600Blk Arizona Ave 5:59 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Lincoln Blvd / Broadway 7:28 p.m.
EMS 21st St / Oak St 7:35 p.m.
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EMS 1400Blk 18th St 8:35 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 8:36 p.m.
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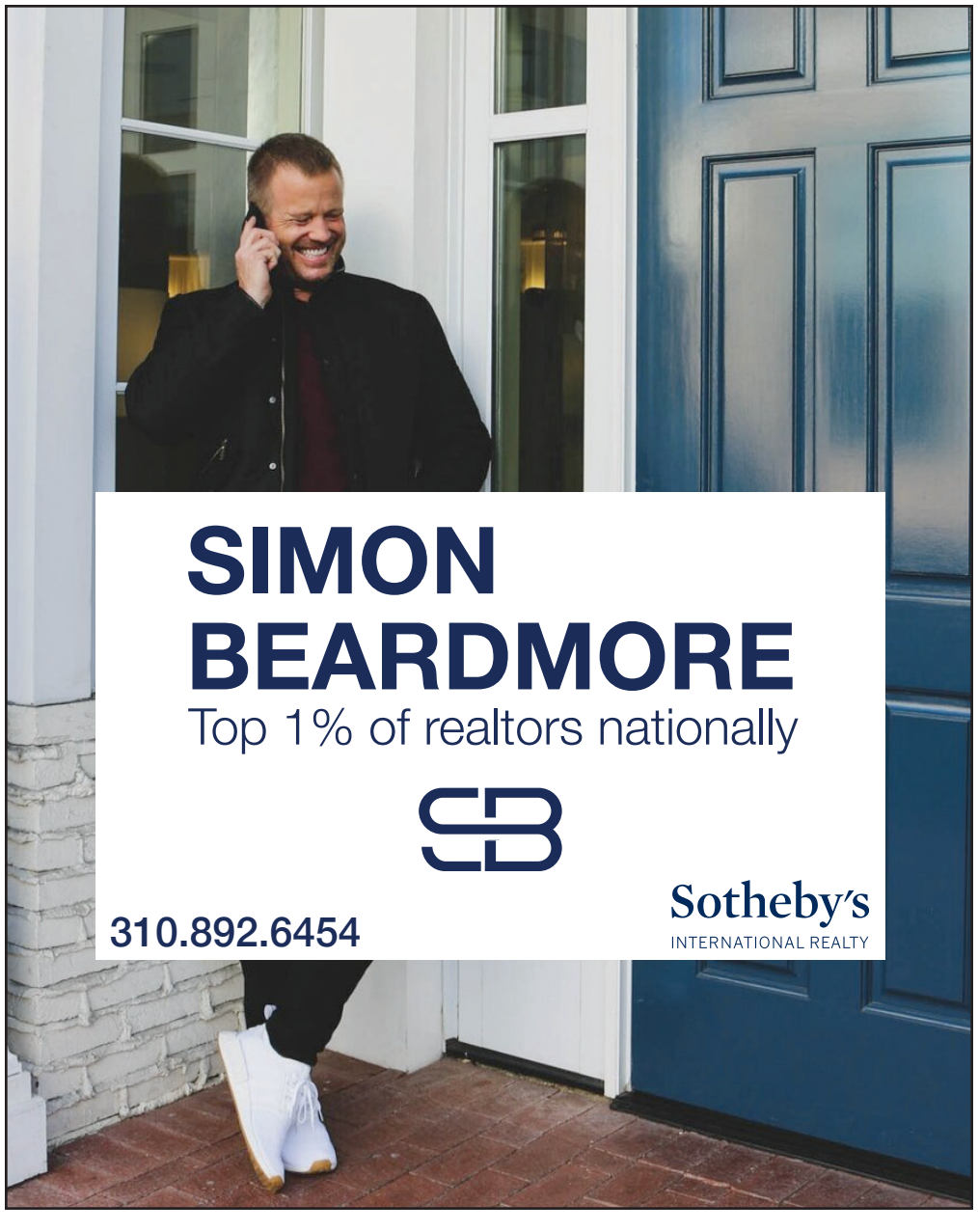
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My Dodger Heart is Broken

I'm boycotting this year's World Series between Houston and Atlanta and it's not just because the Dodgers lost to the Braves in the NLCS, though that still smarts. At the top of my list of reasons not to watch is that in 2017 the Astros perpetrated an illegal sign-stealing system involving video cameras and trash cans. (I couldn't make this stuff up, folks!)

The Astros cheated their way to a World Series title over the Dodgers, which still has me furious. In fact, I was hoping the Dodgers would face the Houston in this year's World Series and settle the score, no pun intended. (Yes, I know, technically that wasn't a pun.)

The punishment Houston received from MLB was a slap on the wrist given the severity of the crime. The Astros were fined $5 million, which is chump change, and being cheaters they're definitely chumps. They also lost two draft choices for two years and fired their manager and general manager. (And had to repeatedly write on the chalk board "We were bad boys and will never do it again.")

The real truth, as my title suggests, is I bleed Dodger blue and desperately hoped this year the team would return to the Series and win back to back titles, which has only been done fourteen times in MLB history. In fact, it hasn't been done since 2000 when the Yankees actually won 3 in a row (1998-2000) defeating the Padres, the Braves and the Mets. (Admittedly, I take perverse pleasure that the Yanks haven't been back to the Series since!)

Whereas Oakland won three World Series in a row ('72-'74) and the Cincinnati won two in a row ('75-'76) the Dodgers have never won back to back World Series. I had high hopes this was going to be the year, which were buoyed when L.A. signed future Hall of Famer pitcher Max Scherzer and infielder Trey Turner who, as it happens, won the 2021 batting title, at the July trade deadline.

Unfortunately Scherzer developed a "dead arm" and couldn't pitch in game 6 against the Braves and Turner had a disappointing playoffs. Add to that Justin Turner's pulled hamstring, Clayton Kershaw's forearm injury which caused him to miss much of the year and the playoffs and slugger Max Muncy who injured his elbow in a freakish collision on the last game of the season and also missed the playoffs.

Not to be a whiner but all those unfortunate circumstances combined is likely why the Dodgers didn't make it to the Series. (Okay, maybe I am a whiner.) My friend Cary insists I should be watching the Fall Classic because, "There's nothing quite so restful as viewing a sporting event when you couldn't care less." That's great except I do care because I despise the cheater Astros! ("Cheater Astros" almost sounds like a tasty snack.)

Sadly, there's a bit of a curse to being a Dodger fan, though as a compassionate nod to my friend Mark in New Jersey, clearly not as bad as being a Mets fan. Another close friend and student of baseball, Lance, is someone with whom I shared the misery of the 1962 Dodgers losing in a playoff to their bitter rival the Giants. L.A. How bitter? Put it this way, radical Giant and Dodger fans routinely beat, stab, shoot and yes, kill each other in squabbles. (Though, given those crimes, "squabble" may be an understatement.)

Back to 1962, the Dodger were in the third game of a three game pennant playoff series with the hated Giants and leading 4-2 in the 9th inning, which is still remember as one of the worst innings in Dodger franchise history. They ultimately lost 6-4 in devastating fashion as,. amid the chaos, reliever Stan Williams faced three batters, surrendering a sacrifice fly, an intentional walk and a bases-loaded walk around a wild pitch that brought home what would be the winning. In 2018, fifty-nine years later, Williams said he was "over it." (For Lance and I, the pain is embarrassingly fresh.)

So, referencing '62, as sad as I am about the Dodger season collapsing there's some consolation because at least we eliminated the Giants. (Mixing gardening and baseball, being a die-hard Dodger fan is a rough row to hoe.)

Baseball is a uniquely wonderful and beautiful sport but this year the Dodgers have done me in. Despite the many thrills, following their ups and downs was agonizing. The baseball season feels like an entire year as they play twice as many games as the NBA and seventeen times the NFL. The game is slow, the season is long and despite the euphoric highlights suddenly it's all over and you're left with nothing. Frankly, I question whether if it's worth it. (I also wonder when spring training starts.)

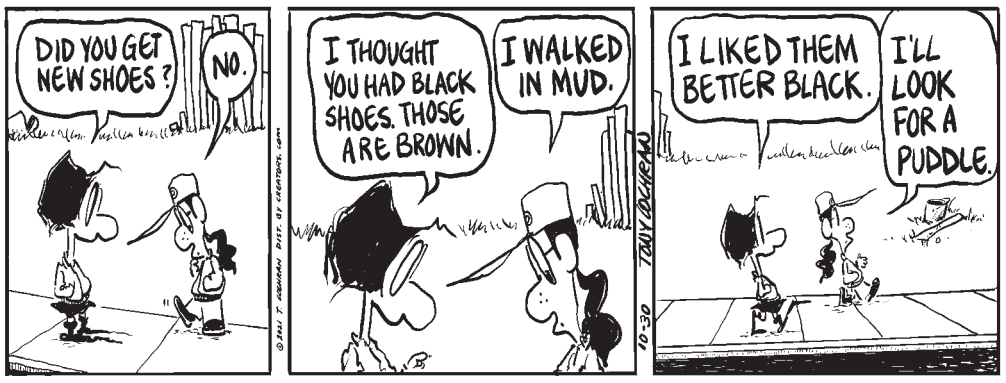
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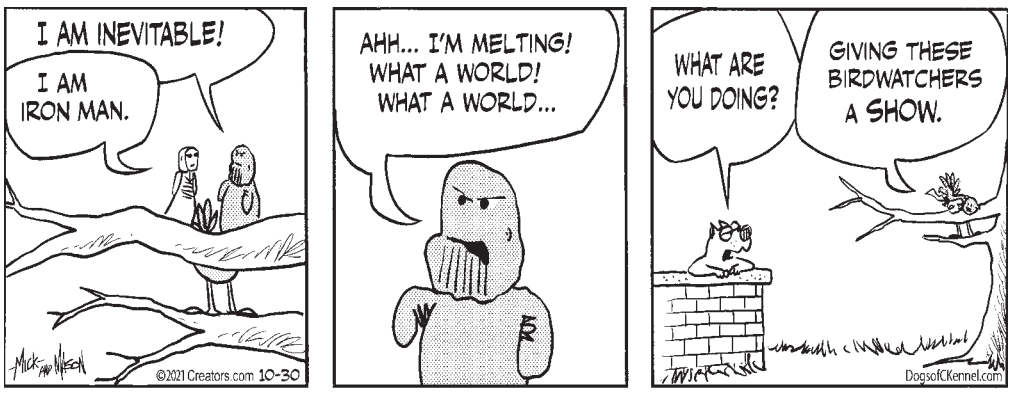
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 61.2°

SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Small new SW/SSW swell and lingering NW swell mix. AM winds look light. Elevated tide through the day.

SUNDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Bit more SSW swell and should be rideable for the longboards. AM winds look light. Elevated tide through the day, lowest early PM.

WEATHER

Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 65.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.
Sunday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 64.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/10/30	Sat	5:51 PM	4.54	H
2021/10/31	Sun	12:43 AM	0.39	L
2021/10/31	Sun	07:26 AM	4.68	H
2021/10/31	Sun	1:06 PM	1.95	L
2021/10/31	Sun	6:47 PM	4.77	H
2021/11/01	Mon	01:16 AM	0.34	L
2021/11/01	Mon	07:45 AM	5.14	H
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2021/11/02	Tue	8:25 PM	5.00	H
2021/11/03	Wed	02:18 AM	0.58	L
2021/11/03	Wed	08:36 AM	6.14	H
2021/11/03	Wed	3:07 PM	-0.21	L
2021/11/03	Wed	9:12 PM	4.92	H
2021/11/04	Thu	02:50 AM	0.86	L

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERball
Draw Date: 10/27
3 6 26 35 51
Power#: 17
Jackpot: 116 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 10/26
6 14 19 56 62
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 22 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 10/27
2 25 26 27 32
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 30 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/28
2 7 12 13 29

Daily 3
Draw Date: 10/28
EVENING: 7 4 6

Draw Date: 10/28
MIDDAY: 1 2 7

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 10/28
1st: 04 - Big Ben
2nd: 01 - Gold Rush
3rd: 10 - Solid Gold
Race Time: 1:48.49

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You'll enjoy defying expectation and playing with perception to create a sense of wonder around you. Your magic will draw fans in both your professional and personal realm. You'll obtain new tools to make life easier. You'll also be training others, one of the many ways you'll build your legacy. Sagittarius and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 4, 1, 38 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Emotions coming from a primitive brain space are every bit as valid as anything reasonable your intellect poses. Today's best decision is rooted in a raw feeling.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everyone has to do their own exercising, growing or learning. You'll have a full plate in that regard today, so why not let someone pitch in on one of the many other things they can help you with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The playing that is literally supposed to be fun and games can, in reality, be quite difficult. It takes practice to play well. The ones who do it a lot tend to be better at it. Those are the people to surround yourself with now.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll benefit from knowing the motives of others and you'll easily figure them out now, too, especially if that someone is a child or has the emotional maturity of one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Why struggle for success in a realm you don't enjoy? Go where your talent lies, and thrive. You've valuable skills that others would be hard-pressed to replicate. Focus there, and collect your prize.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Being a creative person, you'll risk playing the fool and being wrong if it gets you closer to making something with the potential to inspire or entertain. Much goes down in the name of getting a laugh.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A difficult circumstance won't last. Don't try to remedy it. Without your involvement, it will recede with the tides -- be swept into another realm of responsibility, proving it was never really yours to solve.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When your mind and heart are fully expanded, there is no such thing as "better than" or "less than." Everyone is equal and different. It's all a matter of finding the best fit for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Avoidance won't work, and resistance will prove futile, but you might be able to outsmart the problem. Try treating the trouble as if it were an advantage and suddenly you will actually see the advantage that is truly there.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You could go to all the same places, read the same literature and eat the same food -- you would still be different from your friend/sibling/partner. Make an effort to be with those who celebrate your uniqueness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are passionate about human rights, which include the right for others to believe differently from the way you do. If you still want to exercise powers of persuasion, you need nothing other than to live as a shining example.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've heard assessments and opinions, and now it's time to forget all that. If you can approach without preconceived opinions and prejudice, you'll be the one to see the brilliant answer that everyone else is missing.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

5	8	1	6	4	7	9	2	3
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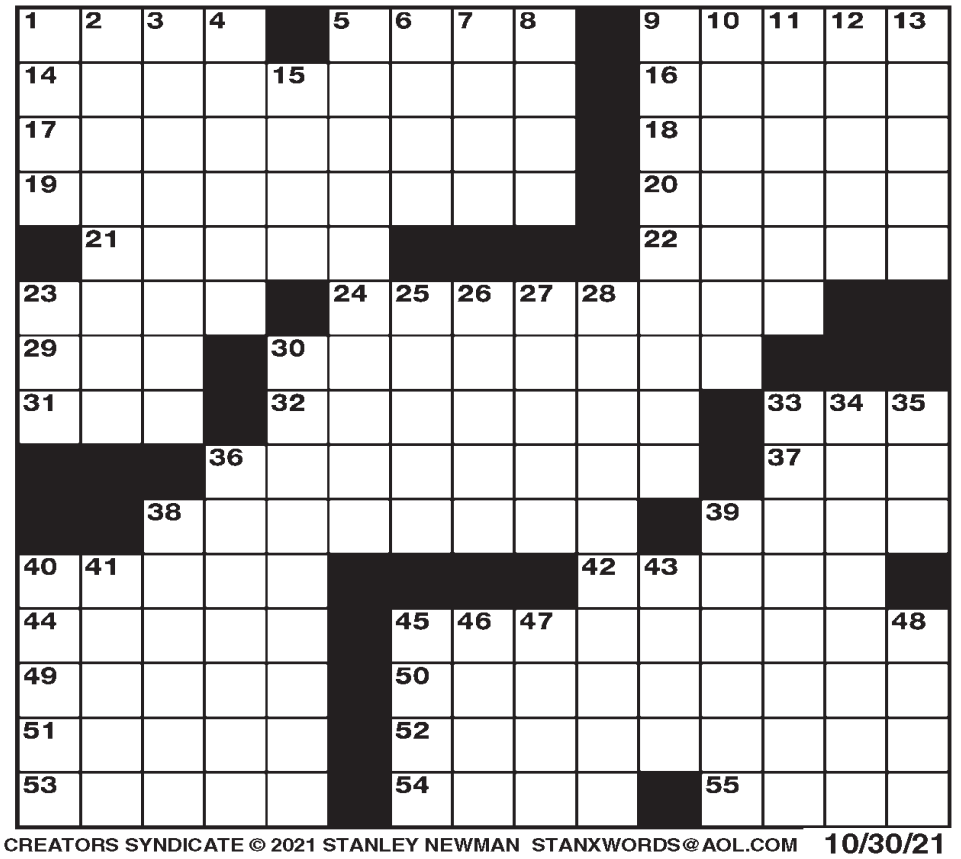
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Biting
5 Maserati sister make
9 Breaks into a vault
14 Nonspeaking part in *My Fair Lady*
16 Ready when you are
17 Pancake purveyors
18 More than one spoke
19 Vituperates
20 Euro predecessor
21 Nepali, most probably
22 Exodus excerpt
23 Hand-held metal detector
24 Conversation invitation
29 Petition
30 Xbox accessories
31 "You're right . . ."
32 Shenandoah Valley city
33 Stop up
36 Kids' stairs alternative
37 What GHWB once headed
38 Unidentifiable
39 Undermine
40 Gold Rush miner who became an author
42 Times of day
44 Put straight
45 Heating system component
49 Car preceder or follower
50 Sunbeam product
51 Stylish
52 Navigational hobbyist
53 Earliest-born Poker Hall of Famer
54 Has down
55 Action figures

DOWN
1 Courses of events
2 Stuntwoman's gig
3 Ducks glide there
4 Be undetermined
5 Fast-moving sport since 1950
6 Black O'Keeffe subject
7 "Law floats in __ of ethics": Earl Warren
8 __ paper
9 *Star Wars* honorific
10 Canine coats
11 When night begins
12 Works together
13 Anomalous increase
15 Foremost
23 Informal "exceedingly"
25 Contact info
26 Wound up
27 Localities
28 Lists all offenders
30 Étude embellishment
33 For whom RFK Stadium was home (1996-2017)
34 Cockpit concern
35 Dirt collector
36 *Detective Comics* debut of '67
38 Native American islander in a 1719 novel
39 Rushes
40 Jarring to experience
41 Attraction near the Spanish Governor's Palace
43 Gulf War ally
45 Pollution portmanteau
46 Knock out
47 Move out
48 Is off



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MANOS A LA OBRA WALKTHROUGH WITH COG•NATE COLLECTIVE
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A cultural celebration featuring La Catrina sculptures, community altars, ballet folklorico, family activities, makers market, DJ & dance party. 5 - 10 p.m. Third Street Promenade.

SUNDAY | OCT 31

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market features some of California's freshest produce plus prepared foods from local Main Street restaurants as well as artisanal foods prepared with ingredients sourced from California farmers - you can't get more local than that. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., 2640 Main Street.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS AT SANTA MONICA PIER
Join organizers for the inaugural Dia de los Muertos celebration at the Santa Monica Pier, October 30-31st from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. & November 1st from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. in the historic Carousel building. Together with Pico Youth & Family Center, our joint event of reflection will feature an artistic altar dedicated to the lives of friends and family who have played an important role in the Santa Monica Pier community, traditional Ballet Folklorico, an art installation called "Letters of Life," and an unmissable Aztec dancing performance.

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MONDAY | NOV 1

ENGLISH AS S SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, HIGH
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5283

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